

Remarks

No amendments are submitted by the present communication. Thus, claims 1-19 remain pending, with claims 1-9 and 13-19 under active prosecution, and claims 10-12 withdrawn from consideration, subject to a request for rejoinder thereof.

A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented in the **Listing of Claims** starting on page 2, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

The Requirement for Restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121, is respectfully traversed. The Group I claims and Group II claims are related as compound and method of use thereof. Therefore, a search of one group would, of necessity, require a search of the other group. Accordingly, no savings of PTO resources will be realized by maintaining the requirement for restriction.

In order to be fully responsive, Applicants hereby elect Group I, Claims 1-9 and 13-19, with traverse. Non-elected claims 10-12 are retained in the application pending final disposition of the elected claims.

With respect to the further requirement to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits to which the claims shall be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable, Applicants elect compound 6 (see claim 8), i.e., a compound of the general formula set forth in claim 1, wherein:

$n = 1,$

$R_1 = -CH_3,$

$R_2 = -CH_2-C_6H_5,$

$RG = -C(O)-CH_2-LG,$

$LG = -O-C(O)-2,6\text{-di-(trifluoromethyl) phenyl},$

$L = -NH-(CH_2)_{10}-,$ and

TAG = TAMRA.

Claims 1-6, 8, 9, 13-17 and 19 read on the elected species. The remaining claims are retained in the application at this time pending final disposition of the elected claims, and subject to a request for rejoinder thereof.

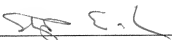
Conclusion

In view of the above remarks, prompt and favorable action on all claims are respectfully requested. In the event that any matters remain to be resolved in view of this communication, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned so that a prompt disposition of this application can be achieved.

Respectfully submitted,

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